

REMARKS

The Final Office Action and the Advisory Action have been reviewed and the Examiner's comments carefully considered. Claims 1-8 and 21 are canceled. No claims are amended or added. Thus, claims 9-20 and 22 remain pending and are submitted for reconsideration.

Interview Summary

The courtesy extended by the Examiner toward Applicant's representative, Mr. Matthew Kremer (Reg. No. 58,671), during a recent telephone interview is acknowledged with appreciation. During the interview, the Examiner agreed that the arguments presented by the Applicant in the Reply filed on June 29, 2006, were persuasive with regard to claims 9 and 20. Thus, the Examiner agreed to withdraw the rejection of claims 9 and 20.

Allowable Subject Matter

As mentioned above, the Examiner has agreed that claims that claims 9 and 20 are in condition for allowance. Claims 10-19, and 22 depend from either claim 9 or claim 20 and are, therefore, also in condition for allowance. The remaining claims (claims 1-8, and 21) are canceled. Thus, all the pending claims are in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

It is believed that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check or credit card payment form being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for

such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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